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- 2. Japanese Publication No. JP 2002-326536, to Koito Manufacturing Co. Ltd, published 12 November 2002 (English Abstract enclosed).
- 3. Japanese Publication No. JP 2002-234382, to Stanley Electronic Co. Ltd., published 20 August 2002 (English Abstract enclosed).

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